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City of Tempe

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**Date:** June 19, 2012

**To:** Neighborhood Quality of Life and Revitalization Council Committee  
Vice Mayor Joel Navarro, Chair

**From:** Shauna Warner, Neighborhood Services Manager  
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**Subject:** Arterial Walls Update

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In order to address Action Item 1 of the Neighborhood Quality of Life and Revitalization Council Committee - the development, implementation, coordination and assessment of neighborhood parks, streets, alleys and rights of way maintenance efforts, including volunteer efforts – Public Works and Neighborhood Services staff have been working together to complete arterial wall improvements, all through the use of volunteers.

For arterial walls needing only paint or minor patches and repair, staff does the following:

- Coordinates a community volunteer effort to paint walls
- Works through established associations where applicable
- Notifies property owners of project, obtaining permission for painting walls and inviting them to participate
- Obtains free paint through the Household Hazardous Waste Center
- Provides painting supplies

The following wall projects have been completed since the last update:

Block wall along Rural Rd. from Colgate to Westchester on the west side of the road - part of 2011 Tempe Cares project

Guadalupe Rd. – north and south side from Hardy east to Kyrene - part of the 2011 Tempe Cares project

Campbell Park – entire block wall around the park

Svob Park and Celaya Park – part of the 2012 Tempe Cares project

Esquer Park – block wall around the park

Escalante Park – block wall on the back side by apartments all the way around to the community garden

Escalante Park – painted the metal fence by the community garden

Tempe Sports Complex – painted the fence around the skate park by an eagle scout and by MC Probation Dept.

Empty lot on the northwest corner of Guadalupe/Kyrene behind the Circle K

Staff continues to identify walls needing repair and repainting. In addition to volunteer groups, the Maricopa County Probation Department is also a free resource for painting projects.